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None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. This month's Roundtable was held at Syracuse with the Air Force and the University of Syracuse as co-hosts. In my opinion, this meeting was by far and away the most outstanding and significant meeting we have had in the year or so of our existence. Its superiority was due largely to the facts that (a) we were captives together for 24 hours and (b) hospitality conducive to discussions of problems of the profession created a tempo of comradeship and consequent intellectual mingling relevant to our individual missions and responsibilities. The session consisted of three meals together, continuing casual discussions during and between meals, the formal meeting on Friday, and a tour of the Air Force school at Syracuse. On Thursday evening, the Vice Chancellor of the University was host at dinner for the group at the Syracuse Hotel. In my opinion, no meeting so far has accomplished so much for inter-agency relations for which this Roundtable was created and is being supported by the participants and their superiors.

2. Enroute to Syracuse, I spent about 24 hours at Cornell. My main object was to develop personal relations with the Far Eastern faculty (particularly training, and of anthropology who has been recommended to us for future use), and to evaluate capability and interest for doing any special language training we might wish in Southeast Asian languages. (On the latter, in the person of has the professional ability. It does not have the manpower or the interest.)

3. Before going to Syracuse, I scheduled a conference with Professor Mangone who is coordinating the Maxwell School's summer institute on Overseasanship, which conference I had on Thursday afternoon. While I feel that the concept is still very nebulous, I also feel that it would be a good idea to have someone attend to evaluate its eventual potential in terms of its value mainly for our personnel who are endeavoring to develop not unrelated programs.

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4. Following up on our plan mentioned in connection with CSB consideration of LAS career plans in January, [] has discussed with [] who is on another overseas survey trip) FSI ability and interest in conducting a simple program of introduction to linguistics that we have felt would considerably benefit staff and contract instructors who have no or little background in linguistics. [] is considerably interested, and is developing a proposal.

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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 30 April 1958

FROM : Deputy for Plans, Research and Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. During the past week a total of 48 people were tested in regularly scheduled language tests. Machine corrections and checking of all tests given through April 22 have been completed with the help of Miss [] and the A&E Staff. 25X1
2. Mr. [] and I met with Mr. [] to discuss and approve 25X1 the final draft of the reorganization of the Language and Area School which is to be presented to Management and Personnel. Mr. [] and the other people who worked on this paper deserve to be congratulated for the excellence of the finished product. 25X1
3. Mr. [] and I met with Mr. [] and drafted 25X1 the LAS Budget for the fiscal years 1959 and 1960. While fully appreciating the necessity for strict conservation of funds, it is apparent that the increased heavy demands upon the school do not permit any curtailment of expenditures for the foreseeable future. Especially is this true if we are to meet the increasingly heavy demand indicated by both Mr. Helms and Mr. Wisner's comments regarding the failure of all overseas people to meet foreigners on their own cultural and intellectual level.

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. [] visited Cornell University for the purpose of looking
25X1 over the present crop of linguistic graduates in the hope of finding
a linguist to replace [] in the Germanic Department. No suitable
candidates were to be found.

2. So far there have been three lectures in German within the
framework of the present Integrated German course. These lectures,
which visitors are encouraged to attend, have been drawing about as
many people as our lecture room will conveniently hold

25X1 3. At the request of [] of SE, [] spent an hour and
25X1 a quarter in a downtown safe apartment briefing an SE student of
[] tutor on modern methods of intensive
language teaching, and giving them suggestions as to how they might
more profitably use their time. The plan is for [] to return for
another visit in a few weeks to answer any further questions they
may have. 25X1

25X1 4. SE has made classroom facilities in Eye Building available to
[] for Greek and Turkish instruction. Beginning this week, []
will spend the morning and early afternoon there and the later afternoon
in his office in Quarters Eye. 25X1

25X1 5. [] took the full-time Persian class, accompanied by Mr.
25X1 [] of OC, to [] for a 3-day mid-course visit. []
25X1 is of great assistance on these visits - this is his second - and a
letter of appreciation is being prepared for sending to OC. 25X1

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25X1 6. [] plan a visit to FDD to discuss with Mr. [] the setting up of a full-time advanced Chinese reading and writing course, in accordance with FDD's request. 25X1

25X1 7. [] of FE indicated to [] his interest in the possibility of a familiarization course in [] primarily for FE reports people and other FE Headquarters employees. [] told him that such a course, at a pace of about three hours a week, was perfectly feasible, and that discussions looking toward its establishment might be initiated in the early summer. 25X1 25X1 25X1

25X1 8. The French Intermediate RSW (FT) class spent 3 days at this week. The Operations School was kind enough to release Mr. [] and WE to release [] to serve as native speakers. This was the midway point in the 10 week course and the results were very rewarding. The students demonstrated a knowledge and understanding of French psychology and culture and an ability to communicate this knowledge with considerable facility. 25X1

9. The attendance at the lectures for the French Intermediate RSW (FT) class have been very enthusiastic and gratifying. The attendance at the last three lectures have averaged 25 people.

10. As a step toward strengthening the students' knowledge of French attitudes versus American views, Mr. [] gave his scheduled talk in this cycle on "A Comparison of French and American Values and Attitudes. 23 persons from all over the agency attended the lecture besides the members of the French Intermediate RSW (FT) class. 25X1



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1. Sixty persons attended [] special showings in I and Central Buildings of two unique films on Egypt and Greece. These were full-length documentary portrayals - highly artistic and accurate - of the ancient civilizations of the two countries, providing excellent background material for those working on these areas today. 25X1
2. [] lecture in French for the Integrated class and auditors hit the bull's-eye from the point of view of Helms' proposal for more area training on "What makes the people of a country tick." [] spoke on "A comparison of French and American values and attitudes." The other LAS staff members who heard him consider that he did a magnificent job of sharpening and simplifying his presentation of the conundrum of the "French point of view." 25X1
3. Our first annual area planning conference will be held in two sessions, on the afternoons of 1 and 8 May, in the I Building lecture room. Language staff will send representatives who are involved in the Integrated courses, and we have invited [] to join us. 25X1
4. [] were warmly received by [] on the subject of Italy - Basic Country Survey #1, tentatively scheduled for September. [] will advise shortly whether he can promise with reasonable certainty to send a minimum of five students. He is also keenly interested in our plans for the seminar on Western Europe for the new fiscal year. 25X1
5. Twenty-six students completed the Regional Survey course conducted by [] on 24 April. 25X1

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6. Motor Pool again failed to pass on to the driver the particular entrance of a non-Agency building for pick-up of a lecturer. In this case, Robert Lochner of USIA was only a few minutes late because he sensibly took a taxi at the last moment. We deplore the Pool's utter carelessness, however, in dispatching a car to a building as large as HEW, covering an entire city block, without passing on the exact pick-up location. These incidents occur too frequently and damage not only OTR's reputation - usually a room-full of people are kept waiting - but also the Agency's reputation with outside speakers. is aware of the problem.

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